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Applicant:	Shinji OKANO et al.	Confirmation No.:	5137
Serial No.:	10/578,085	Art Unit:	1645
371(c) Date:	May 3, 2006	Examiner:	Not Yet Assigned
		Customer No.:	21559
Title:	METHOD FOR PRODUCING GENE TRANSFERRED DENDRITIC CELLS (as amended)		

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REQUEST TO CORRECT FILING RECEIPT

Applicant requests that the enclosed filing receipt be corrected as follows.

In the **Power of Attorney** section, please change "39905" to --21559--.

In the **Title** section, please change "Denritic" to --Dendritic--.

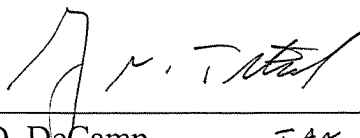
Enclosed, in support of the above corrections, are copies of the incorrect filing receipt, the Reply to Notification of Missing Requirements and Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney as filed on April 30, 2007, and the Application Data Sheet and Preliminary Amendment as filed with the application on May 3, 2006.

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Respectfully submitted,

Date: 21 August 2007



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Receipt is acknowledged of this nonprovisional patent application. The application will be taken up for examination in due course. Applicant will be notified as to the results of the examination. Any correspondence concerning the application must include the following identification information: the U.S. APPLICATION NUMBER, FILING DATE, NAME OF APPLICANT, and TITLE OF INVENTION. Fees transmitted by check or draft are subject to collection. Please verify the accuracy of the data presented on this receipt. **If an error is noted on this Filing Receipt, please write to the Office of Initial Patent Examination's Filing Receipt Corrections. Please provide a copy of this Filing Receipt with the changes noted thereon. If you received a "Notice to File Missing Parts" for this application, please submit any corrections to this Filing Receipt with your reply to the Notice. When the USPTO processes the reply to the Notice, the USPTO will generate another Filing Receipt incorporating the requested corrections (if appropriate).**

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Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

This application is a 371 of PCT/JP04/16089 10/29/2004

Foreign Applications

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 JAPAN 2003-374808 11/04/2003

If Required, Foreign Filing License Granted: 08/11/2007

The country code and number of your priority application, to be used for filing abroad under the Paris Convention, is **US10/578,085**

Projected Publication Date: 11/22/2007

Non-Publication Request: No

Early Publication Request: No

Title

Dendritic
Method for Producing Gene Transferred Dendritic Cells

Preliminary Class

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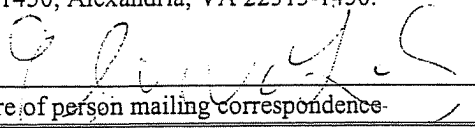
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REPLY TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS

In reply to the Notification of Missing Requirements that was mailed in connection with the above-captioned application on March 12, 2007, a copy of which is enclosed¹,

Applicants, as a large entity, submit the following:

A Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the international application number and international filing date.

¹ A copy of the Cover Letter for Resending Correspondence mailed on April 5, 2007 is also enclosed. The Notification of Missing Requirements was originally mailed to the incorrect address.

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A surcharge under 37 C.F.R. § 1.492(h) of \$130.00, because the declaration is being submitted after 30 months from the priority date.

Applicants note that the Notification of Missing Requirements also states that a translation of the application into English and the processing fee for this translation are required. Applicants, for the reasons set forth below, submit that this requirement is in error.

The application, as filed on May 3, 2006, included an English language translation of international application number PCT/JP2004/016089. Enclosed, as Exhibit 1, is a copy of the return postcard included with the May 3, 2006 filing and listing the English language translation. The return postcard bears the U.S.P.T.O. stamp indicating receipt of the items listed on the postcard by the U.S.P.T.O. on May 3, 2006. In accordance with the M.P.E.P. § 503, the postcard clearly identifies and itemizes the items for which a receipt was requested. As such, Applicants submit that this postcard receipt provides *prima facie* evidence that an English language translation was filed with the U.S.P.T.O. on May 3, 2006.

Moreover, Applicants submit, as Exhibit 2, a printout image of the Image File Wrapper (IFW) summary for the present application from the U.S. Patent Application Information (PAIR) website. The IFW includes the items listed on the return postcard and indicates that these items were received by the U.S.P.T.O. on May 3, 2006. Enclosed, as Exhibit 3, is a copy of the English language translation as printed from the IFW which has been date stamped May 3, 2006 by the U.S.P.T.O. and sets forth the serial

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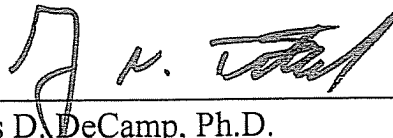
number for the present application.

For all the above reasons, Applicants submit that the English language translation of the present application was filed with the application on May 3, 2006. Also, as the May 3, 2006 filing date of the English language translation was within 30 months of the priority date, Applicants submit that no additional processing fee for the filing of the translation is due.

If there are any additional charges or any credits, please apply them to Deposit Account No. 03-2095.

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10/29/2004

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NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

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- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 05/03/2006
- Copy of IPE Report filed on 05/03/2006
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 05/03/2006
- Biochemical Sequence Diskette filed on 05/03/2006
- Oath or Declaration filed on 05/03/2006
- Biochemical Sequence Listing filed on 05/03/2006
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 05/03/2006
- Priority Documents filed on 05/03/2006

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Translation of the application into English. Note a processing fee will be required if submitted later than 30 months from the priority date.
- Processing fee of \$130 for providing the translation of the application and/or the Annexes later than 30 months from the priority date (37 CFR 1.492(i)).
- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date. The current oath or declaration does not comply with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b) in that it:
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SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is **\$-150** for a Large Entity:

- **\$130** Surcharge.
- **\$130** for English translation surcharge required.

(A previous payment of **\$410** will be applied to the additional fees indicated above.)

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

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COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first, and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter that is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled METHOD FOR PRODUCING GENE TRANSFERRED DENDRITIC CELLS, the specification of which was filed on May 3, 2006 as Application Serial No. 10/578,085 and is that of PCT/JP2004/16089, filed October 29, 2004.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information I know to be material to patentability in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

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Country	Serial Number	Filing Date	Priority Claimed
JP	2003-374808	November 4, 2003	Yes
JP	2004-187028	June 24, 2004	Yes

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I hereby appoint the attorneys and/or agents associated with customer number **21559** to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

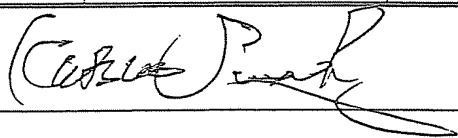
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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. § 1001, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patents issued thereon.

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Application Data Sheet

Application Information

Application number::

Filing Date:: 05/03/06

Application Type:: Regular

Subject Matter:: Utility

Suggested Classification::

Suggested Group Art Unit::

CD-ROM or CD-R?:: None

Number of CD disks::

Number of copies of CDs::

Sequence submission?::

Computer Readable Form (CRF)?::

Number of copies of CRF::

Title:: METHOD FOR PRODUCING GENE
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Attorney Docket Number:: 50026/058001

Request of Early Publication?:: No

Request of Non-Publication?:: No

Small Entity?:: No

Petition Included?:: No

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JP	2004-187028	06/24/04	YES
JP	2003-374808	11/04/03	YES

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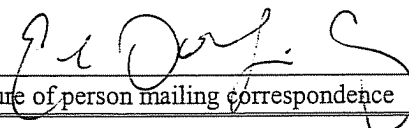
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination of the above-captioned application, kindly amend the application as follows. Please note that all page and line number references in the present amendment refer to the concurrently filed English language translation of International Application No. PCT/JP2004/016089, of which the above-captioned application is the U.S. National Stage.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Kindly amend the title of the application as follows.

METHOD OF CONSTRUCTING TRANSGENIC FOR PRODUCING GENE
TRANSFERRED DENDRITIC CELL CELLS

Kindly insert the following heading and paragraph at page 1, line 4 of the English language specification.

Cross-Reference to Related Applications

This application is the U.S. National Stage of International Application No. PCT/JP2004/016089, filed October 29, 2004, which, in turn, claims the benefit of Japanese Patent Application Nos. 2004-187028, filed June 24, 2004, and 2003-374808, filed November 4, 2003.

Kindly amend the paragraph starting at page 10, line 16 of English language specification as follows.

In addition, the dendritic cells of the present invention include both mature and immature dendritic cells. The immature dendritic cells refer to dendritic cells having low T cell activating ability. Specifically, the immature dendritic cells may have an antigen-presenting ability that is lower than 1/2, preferably lower than 1/4 of that of dendritic cells which maturation had been induced by adding LPS (1 µg/ml) and culturing for two days.

The antigen-presenting ability can be assayed, for example, by allo T cell-activating ability (e.g., a mixed lymphocyte test: allo T cells and dendritic cells are cultured in a mixed culture with a T cell:dendritic cell ratio of 1:10, or preferably with varied ratios; ^3H -thymidine is added 8 hours before terminating cultivation, and the T cell growth capacity is assayed based on the amount of ^3H -thymidine incorporated into the DNA of the T cells. See Fig. 21; Gene Therapy 2000; 7; 249-254) or by the ability to induce specific cytotoxic T cells (CTLs) using a peptide (e.g., a known class I-restricted peptide of a certain antigen is added to dendritic cells; the dendritic cells are co-cultured with T cells obtained from peripheral blood of the same healthy donor from whom the dendritic cells had been obtained (with 25 U/ml or preferably 100 U/ml of IL-2 on day 3 or later) (preferably stimulated three times during 21 days, more preferably twice during 14 days by dendritic cells); the resulting effector cells are co-cultured with ^{51}Cr -labeled target cells (peptide class I-restricted class-I peptide positive tumor cells) at a ratio of 20:1, 10:1, 5:1, or 2.5:1, preferably 100:1, 50:1, 25:1, or 12.5:1, for four hours; and ^{51}Cr released from the target cells is quantified. See Fig. 22; Arch Dermatol Res 292:325-332 (2000)).

Furthermore, the immature dendritic cells preferably have phagocytic ability for antigens, and more preferably show low (for example, significantly low as compared to mature DCs induced by LPS as described above) or negative expression of receptors that induce the costimulation for T cell activation. On the other hand, the mature dendritic cells refer to dendritic cells that have strong antigen-presenting ability for T cell activation or the

like. Specifically, the mature dendritic cells may have an antigen-presenting ability that is half or stronger, preferably equivalent to or stronger than the antigen-presenting ability of dendritic cells in which maturation has been induced by adding LPS (1 µg/ml) and culturing for two days. Furthermore, the mature dendritic cells preferably have weak or no phagocytic ability for antigen, and more preferably show high expression of receptors that induce the costimulation for T cell activation. The activation of dendritic cells refers to the transition from immature to mature dendritic cell; and the activated dendritic cells encompass mature dendritic cells and dendritic cells in the process of the transition, wherein the expression of CD80 and CD86 that induce costimulatory signals are elevated upon the activating stimuli. In CD11c positive dendritic cells, CD83 positivity serves as an indicator of mature dendritic cells.

Kindly amend the paragraph starting at page 12, line 26 of the English language specification as follows.

CD40 is a type I integral membrane protein of 45 to 48 kD (type I integral membrane glycoprotein). ~~Anti-CD40 antibody~~ CD40 is frequently used as a cell marker (Schlossman, S. *et al.*, eds., 1995, Leucocyte Typing V: White Cell Differentiation Antigens. Oxford University Press, New York; Galy, A.H.M.; and H. Spits, 1992, J. Immunol. 149: 775; Clark, E.A. and J.A. Ledbetter, 1986, Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. 83:

4494; Itoh, H. *et al.*, 1991, Cell 66: 233; Barclay, N.A. *et al.*, 1993, The Leucocyte Antigen Facts Book., Academic Press).

Kindly amend the paragraph starting at page 17, line 31 of the English language specification as follows.

Herein, a minus-strand RNA virus refers to viruses that include a minus strand (an antisense strand corresponding to a sense strand encoding viral proteins) RNA as the genome. The minus-strand RNA is also referred to as negative strand RNA. The minus-strand RNA virus used in the present invention particularly includes single-stranded minus-strand RNA viruses (also referred to as non-segmented minus-strand RNA viruses). The “single-strand negative strand RNA virus” refers to viruses having a single-stranded negative strand [*i.e.*, a minus strand] RNA as the genome. The minus-strand RNA virus includes ~~Such viruses include~~ viruses belonging to Paramyxoviridae (including the genera *Paramyxovirus*, *Morbillivirus*, *Rubulavirus*, and *Pneumovirus*), Rhabdoviridae (including the genera *Vesiculovirus*, *Lyssavirus*, and *Ephemerovirus*), Filoviridae, Orthomyxoviridae, (including Influenza viruses A, B, and C, and Thogoto-like viruses), Bunyaviridae (including the genera *Bunyavirus*, *Hantavirus*, *Nairovirus*, and *Phlebovirus*), Arenaviridae, and the like.

Kindly amend the paragraph starting at page 33, line 26 of the English language specification as follows.

There is no limitation on the foreign gene to be introduced using the minus-strand RNA virus, and naturally occurring proteins include, for example, hormones, cytokines, growth factors, receptors, intracellular signaling molecules, enzymes, and peptides. The proteins may be secretory proteins, membrane proteins, cytoplasmic proteins, nuclear proteins, and the like. Artificial proteins include, for example, fusion proteins such as chimeric toxin, dominant negative proteins (including soluble receptor molecules or membrane bound dominant negative receptors), truncated cell adhesion molecules, and cell surface molecules. The proteins may also be proteins to which a secretory signal, membrane-localization signal, nuclear translocation signal, or the like has been attached. Functions of a particular gene can be suppressed by introducing and expressing antisense RNA molecule, RNA-cleaving ribozyme, or the like as the transfer gene. When a viral vector is prepared using a gene for treating diseases as the foreign gene, gene therapy can be performed through the introduction of the vector. The viral vector of the present invention is applicable to gene therapy wherein the genes are expressed by direct administration or by *ex vivo* administration, and enables expression of foreign genes for which therapeutic effect can be expected, internal genes short in *in vivo* supply, or the like from dendritic cells. In addition, the ~~method~~ vector of the present invention can also be used as a gene therapy vector in regeneration medicine.

Kindly amend the paragraph starting at page 35, line 36 of the English language specification as follows.

Antigens derived from pathogens include, for example, proteins of hepatitis A virus, hepatitis B virus, hepatitis C virus, hepatitis delta virus, papilloma virus antigen, herpes simplex virus (HSV), varicella-zoster virus (VZV), Epstein-Barr virus, Cytomegalovirus (CMV), HIV, malaria, and the like, or partial peptides thereof. The minus-strand RNA viruses encoding such antigen proteins can be used prophylactically or therapeutically. Specifically, envelopes of influenza highly-virulent strain H5N1 for influenza, envelope proteins of Japanese encephalitis virus (Vaccine, vol. 17, No. 15-16, 1869-1882 (1999)) for Japanese encephalitis, HIV and SIV gag proteins (J. Immunology (2000) vol. 164, 4968-4978), HIV envelope proteins, Nef protein, and other viral proteins for AIDS can be mentioned. In addition, for example, cholera toxin B subunit (CTB) (Arakawa T, *et al.*, Nature Biotechnology (1998) 16(10): 934-8, Arakawa T, *et al.*, Nature Biotechnology (1998) 16(3): 292-7) for cholera; rabies virus glycoprotein (Lodmell DL *et al.*, 1998, Nature Medicine 4(8):949-52) for rabies; and capsid protein L1 of human papilloma virus type 6 (J. Med. Virol, 60, 200-204 (2000)) for cervical carcinoma can be mentioned. Antigen proteins of other pathogenic viruses can also be expressed from the vector. Furthermore, it is possible to use JE-E antigen protein of Japanese encephalitis virus (Japanese Patent Application Kokai Publication No. (JP-A) S64-74982

(unexamined, published Japanese patent application), JP-A H1-285498), gD2 protein of human herpes simplex virus (JP-A H5-252965), polypeptides derived from hepatitis C virus (JP-A H5-192160), polypeptides derived from pseudorabies virus (Japanese Patent Kohyo Publication No. (JP-A) H7-502173 (unexamined Japanese national phase publication corresponding to a non-Japanese international publication), and the like. For example, cells derived from patients infected with such pathogenic microorganisms may be analyzed to identify an epitope of an antigen protein to be presented on antigen-presenting cells (APC) for use. It is preferred to appropriately select the HLA type and identify an epitope corresponding to the desired HLA for use.

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REMARKS

The title has been amended and a paragraph cross-referencing related applications has been added. The paragraph starting at page 10, line 16 of English language specification has been amended to recite “class I-restricted peptide.” Support for this change may be found, for example, at page 10, lines 26-27, and is further apparent from the context. The paragraph starting at page 12, line 26, has been amended to recite “CD40 is frequently used as a cell marker.” Support for this change may be found, for example, at page 12, line 26, which recites “CD40.” The paragraph starting at page 17, line 31 has been amended to recite “The minus-strand RNA virus includes.” Support for this change may be found, for example, at page 17, line 31 which recites “a minus-strand RNA virus.” Further support for this change may be found at page 18, lines 1-6, as the exemplified viruses are collectively known in the art as “minus strand RNA viruses.” The paragraph starting at page 33, line 26 has been amended to recite “the vector of the present invention.” Support for this change may be found, for example, at page 34, lines 1-2, which recite “The viral vector of the present invention.” It is further apparent from the context that a vector, rather than a method, (page 34, lines 5-6; emphasis added) “can also be used as a gene therapy vector.” Finally, the paragraph starting at page 35, line 36 has been amended to recite “Japanese encephalitis virus.” Support for this change may be found at page 36, lines 5-6, which recites “Japanese encephalitis virus.” Further, it is

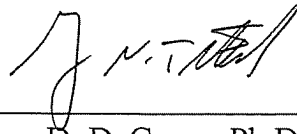
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apparent from the context that the JE-E antigen protein would be of Japanese encephalitis virus, rather than of Japanese encephalitis. These amendments add no new matter.

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